



**Testimony  
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The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) *supports* **HB-5506: AN ACT CONCERNING SCRAP METAL SOLD ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITIES.**

This bill would prevent the unauthorized sale of municipal property to any scrap metal processor, junk dealer, or junk yard owner or operator. COST supports this measure because it would codify safeguards against theft of materials that may be sold as scrap metal from municipalities. The bill would also curb this type of theft.

Under this bill, a scrap metal processor or dealer may only receive property from a municipality when the person delivering the property presents a letter authorizing the purchase from the town's chief officer on town letterhead. Also, any money paid for the property would be mailed directly to the municipality, rather than handed over to the person who delivered the property.

COST believes that these are reasonable measures that will be effective in reducing theft of scrap metal from municipalities.

Therefore, COST *supports* **HB-5506: AN ACT CONCERNING SCRAP METAL SOLD ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPALITIES.**